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SUBJECT: ARCHIVES GIFT FOR GOVT OF TUVALU

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM UNITED NATIONS SOURCE THAT GOVT OF TUVALU IS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING FROM U.S. NAVY AND U.S. ARMY RECORDS FROM WWII PRESENTING HISTORY OF U.S. FORCES STATIONED IN FUNAFUTI, OPERATIONS STAGED FROM TUVALU (FORMERLY ELLICE ISLANDS), ETC. TO FORM PART OF THEIR NATIONAL ARCHIVES. CHIEF MINISTER OF TUVALU RECENTLY CAME TO SUVA TO COLLECT HIS COUNTRY'S ARCHIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN STORAGE HERE SINCE BEGINNING OF WWII; DOCUMENTATION OF OCCURRENCES DURING WAR IS REPORTEDLY SPARSE.

2. CITIZENS OF TUVALU ARE KNOWN TO TAKE PRIDE IN ROLE THEIR ISLANDS PLAYED IN WWII, AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT EXPLORING WITH DEFENSE OFFICIALS POSSIBILITY OF SHARING SOME OF CONTENTS OF U.S. DOCUMENTATION WITH NEW TLVALU GOVT.

3. EMBASSY PRESUMES ARCHIEVES PACKAGE COULD NOT BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR OCT 1 INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, RECEIVING SEVERAL VOLUMES OF SERIES PREPARED
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BY DEFENSE ON THE OFFICIAL OR SCHOLARLY HISTORIES OF WAR IN THE PACIFIC AS SMALL PRESENTATION TO BE MADE FOR INDEPENDENCE.

4. IF DEPT FINDS ARCHIEVES PROJECT WORTHWHILE, AND DEFENSE AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE, AMBASSADOR COULD PERHAPS MENTION TO TUVALU AUTHORITIES ON OCCASION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT U.S. IS PREPARING ADDITIONS TO THEIR ARCHIEVES. PLEASE ADVISE.

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